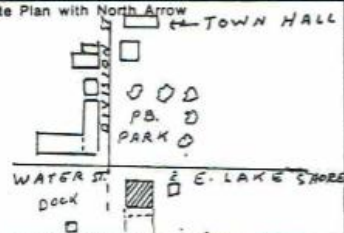


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Ohio Historic Preservation Office
1985 Vinton Avenue
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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1561		4. Present Name(s) Dirty Don's		1. No. ERI-1561
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) The Casino		
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.				4. Present Name(s) "Dirty Don's"
6. Specific Location Below the hill, on the southeast corner of Division Street's intersection with Water St.		18. Thematic Category commerce		
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio, 43438		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1876; 1901		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design vernacular		
9. U.T.M. Reference Zone Easting Northing 19 357400 4605860		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Wood frame
10. Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder		
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent Boathouse / Saloon		33. No. of Bays Front Side
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Cafe		
13. Part of Estab. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hist. Dist.? No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		35. Plan Shape Square
14. District Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potent? No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Don and Donna Nowak Kelleys Island, Ohio		
15. Name of Established District Kelleys Island South Shore District		25. Open to Public? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		37. Condition Interior Good Exterior Good
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This building is situated just below the hill leading to the former steamship dock and the most prominent feature of the building is its roofline. The steep sloped of the hipped roof are interrupted by rounded eyebrow dormers on the north and south eave walls and a gabled eyebrow dormer in the western gable end. Most original features such as the spindlework porch over looking the lake have		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape:K.I.HistoricalSurvey		
43. History and Significance There has been a boathouse and/or saloon on this site as early as 1876 when Jacob Rush, founder of the Sweet Valley Wine Co. (ERI-1618), built a boat house "with upper floor for open-air dancing" during the period of his ownership of the Island House (ER-349). This structure was intact when August Schaedler of the Schaedler Winery (ERI-1658) bought		27. Other Surveys in Which Included Eric Joannesen 1974		39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The entrance to the building is from what once was the Steam Boat Dock (ERI-1628) To the east, on the bank, is the former village water works, a small brick building overgrown by weeds. The village park lies across the road to the north, with the business district		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
45. Sources of Information Aldrich, History of Erie County, Ohio, 1889 Hill, History of Kelleys Island, Ohio Nichol's Handy Guidebook to Put-In-Bay, Middle Bass & Kelleys Island "What's 1903" S.W.R.:7/26/1876, 9/21/81, 3/9/87		46. Prepared by Betty Pape		5. Other Name(s) "The Casino"
48. Date 8/85		47. Organization K.I.Planning Comm.		
49. Revision Date(s)				

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50. House Type No.

Code No. Name

51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

Corn Crib or Shed Smoke House Privy
 Silo Spring House Carriage House
 Summer Kitchen or Ice House

Other _____

52. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes
No

Basis for Information

Owner Collection
 Above Ground Earthworks or Mound
 Cultural Materials Noted OAI No. _____

53. Farmstead Plan

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54. Photo

Roll No. 20 Picture No(s). 16

42. (Cont'd) been subsequently removed or obscured. Additions include a board-and-batten, enclosed porch on the south side; a shed roof addition on the north eave wall; and ancillary kitchen facilities off the east wall.

43. (Cont'd.)

the burned site of the Island House in 1887. He improved the boathouse to include a saloon and restaurant with living accommodations. In this period, business at the nearby Steam Boat Dock (ERI-1628) was thriving. The island had become a popular summer resort. Hotels were being enlarged to handle the increased business, and new saloons were opening to cater to the growing trade. January Coutcher added his saloon across the road on the Steam Boat Dock in 1894. In 1901 there is record that Charles Himmelein "builds a Casino" and every indication is that he improved and/or remodelled the old Rush/Schaedler building to the present structure, possibly adding or enlarging the dockage space. Charles, born on Kelleys Island in 1861 to Johan and Johanna Himmelein, proprietors of the Himmelein Hotel (ERI-1642), learned the saloon business from his family and his work as bartender for their saloon (ERI-1643). He had married in 1885, and in 1905 built his own home (ERI-1638) just north of his Casino. His father had purchased the Casino land, and there is a popular account of how the ladies and gentlemen from the Himmelein Hotel would repair to the Casino every afternoon for wine and refreshments. During Prohibition the Casino remained closed. In the 1920's Charles and Elizabeth Martin opened for limited business,